

Sharing the good news of Jesus and His Kingdom and equipping the church to do the same.



Upcoming Ministry Events

- **July 11: Preaching at Wycliffe Presbyterian**
10:00a.m.: In-person and online
- **July 18: Preaching at Grace UMC**
10:00a.m.: In-person and online
- **Aug. 14: Small Group Seminar in Appomattox VA**
 - Part of the Evangelical Fellowship's gathering.
 - Please contact me for more detail.
- **Aug. 29-Sep. 1: Preaching a Revival at Joliff UMC**

Quote of the Month

Rev. Elton Trueblood is a noted 20th-century American Quaker author and theologian. He is a former Chaplain at Harvard and Stanford.

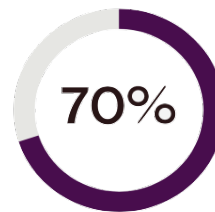
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What we need is not intellectual theorizing or even preaching, but a demonstration. One of the most powerful ways of turning people's loyalty to Christ is by loving others with the great love of God. We cannot revive faith by argument, but we might catch the imagination of puzzled men and women by an exhibition of a fellowship

so intensely alive that every thoughtful person would be forced to respect it. If there should emerge in our day such a fellowship, wholly without artificiality and free from the dead hand of the past, it would be an exciting event of momentous importance. A society of genuine loving souls, set free from the self-seeking struggle for personal prestige and from all unreality, would be something unutterably priceless and powerful. A wise person would travel any distance to join it.

REV. ELTON TRUEBLOOD

LIFE IN HIS NAME YEAR ONE

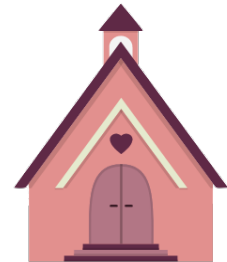


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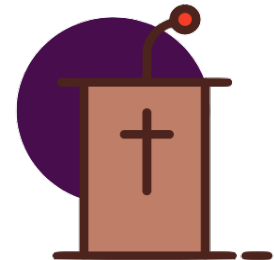
Monthly donations received from:

- 27 families/individuals
- 6 churches

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Additional donations received from

- 41 families/individuals
- 14 churches
- Elizabeth River District UMC

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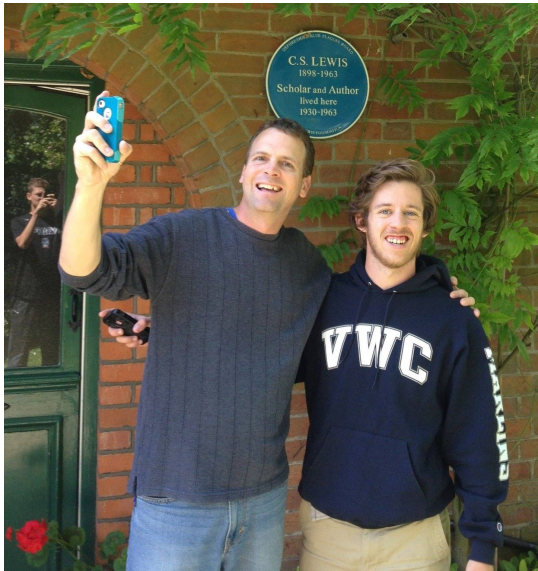
Celebrating one year of full-time ministry as an Evangelist

In January 2020 I discerned the call to move into a new ministry in 6 months. At the time, I was completing my 10th year as the Chaplain of Virginia Wesleyan University. I loved sharing Christ with college students and helping them walk as disciples. Yet, I sensed God prompting me to step out and pursue a major life change.

Since stepping into this new ministry, I've perceived that I'm right where God wants me, serving as an Evangelist. I love meeting varieties of congregations, pastors, groups and individuals along the way. My preaching and teaching schedule is full, which is a joy!

I'm grateful for the support of the Board of Life in His Name Ministries: Rev. Brian Sixbey, Michael Senecal and Dustin Shambach. Early on they gave a green light to hire Ashley Kline to develop and maintain our website as well as help with communications, social media and our monthly e-newsletters. Ashley is a Biblical Studies student at Asbury Theological Seminary and has been an incredible help along the way!

In the last month I've met with more than a dozen Virginia Wesleyan alumni and a few current students who desire to grow in their faith and in service to Christ! It's so good to have relationships that span many years.



MAY 2014 - Oxford, England: Then student Gabe Higgins and I at the home of C. S. Lewis on a travel course covering Lewis, Tolkien and the Wesleyan Revival.



JUNE 2021 - Town Center, Virginia Beach: Hanging out with alumnus Gabe Higgins talking about Jesus and the Kingdom! Gabe and his wife Faith are currently attending Asbury Theological Seminary online.

I've met with men's groups, small groups and individuals to share Christ and equip them for ministry. I am currently meeting with some people who are not yet Christians but are considering Jesus and his message!

Some Highlights from Year One:

- Started a men's group with some friends which met outdoors through the pandemic.
- Led two online evangelism training courses with 17 students.
- Led multiple seminars for churches on small group ministry, evangelism and discipleship.
- Partnered with United in Him Ministries whose mission is to transform and empower at-risk communities through the love of Jesus Christ and power of Holy Spirit.
- Rejoined a Pastors' meeting that I started with Pastor Bill Powell in 2007 and joined another Pastors' Band Meeting.

Looking to the Future:

- August Revival at Joliff UMC in Suffolk, VA, where Rev. Brandon Nichols is the Pastor. Brandon is an alumnus of Virginia Wesleyan University (Class of 2012) and Duke Divinity (2015).
- Mission Trips to Latin America! I am eager to help churches here connect with the church in Latin America.
- Online Small Group and Evangelism Training this Fall – details coming.